



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Highway 128 Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	All parcels north of State Highway 128 between the Canyon Creek Resort and Mile Post Marker 6.00 west of Winters, CA. See attached APN listing for affected properties.	COUNTY	Yolo
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The area west of Winters, CA has seen large fires every year for the last four years. The proposed project consists of 63.96 acres where CAL FIRE will construct a fuel break along the North side of Hwy 128 to help prevent another large fire. The work will be done utilizing handcrews, bulldozers, and a broadcast burn of the annual grasses between the edge of the highway and the constructed fire break. Personnel will follow existing ranch roads and fence lines that parallel Hwy 128 during the construction of the fuel break. The project area excludes class I watercourses and archaeological resources. Additionally, the project utilizes a handline on 25 feet on either side of the class II watercourse and limits ignitions outside of Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone areas.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 4(a), 4(i), 8
- §15304 (a) Minor Alterations to Land  
§15304 (i) Minor Alterations to Land  
§15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of three classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 4(a) and 4(i) - (Minor Alterations to Land) and Class 8 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment. Most of the project activities would occur within previously disturbed areas – the area borders state Highway 128 and has existing ranch roads. The areas where new ground disturbing activities might occur are limited and are best described as minor in scope, limited to minor blading and re-blading on flat ground and cutting handline to tie into existing fire protection lines.

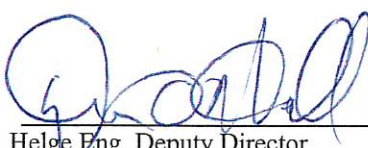
Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's LNU Headquarters in Saint Helena.

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